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National Nurses Week

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FRONT ROW (L-R) Frances Tufts, Halina Gorczynski, Cheryl Rawinski; top row - Rebecca McBride, Andrea Morrissette, Ann Campbell, Betty Hamilton, Judy Bunnewith, Carole Mong.

MILLBURY - The District Nursing Society celebrated National Nurses Week by recognizing the agency nursing staff at a breakfast May 4th. Each nurse was presented with a vase of spring flowers. District Nursing Society nurses deliver health care at home where most individuals prefer to be when they are not feeling well. Home health and adult day health care nurses teach families how to participate in a loved one's health care, how to get well and stay well. Home health care and adult day health care serve to keep the elderly independent. With the assistance of home care and adult day health care, seniors can continue to live more independently, preventing or postponing institutionalization. The District Nursing Society salutes its staff nurses. D.N.S. nurses are dedicated, highly trained professionals, committed to excellence.

Two hundred spend $12.8M in Millbury

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The May 4 Annual Town Meeting was recessed for 20 minutes at 9:15 P.M. when Selectmen Bernard Plante fell ill and was taken by ambulance to St. Vincent Hospital where he was admitted. While awaiting the arrival of Himmer Ambulance, Plante was attended to by nurses Beverly Handfield and Jody Dromgoole.

As the meeting began, Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Bruce Arrington gave a brief financial overview facing the town this coming fiscal year. "We face another tough year," he said, "and we essentially do not have any more money to spend than what we have this current year. While the property tax base will increase about $280,000, free cash will dip down $270,000. We also used sewer reserve funds last year to reduce debt; those are not available this year."

Arrington also noted that local receipts are down. "Our revenues are not rising," he said, "but are going down. In addition, in 1990 the state gave us $5.4 million in aid. This current year it's down to $4.1 million, a drop of $1.3 million which affects our town budget."

Arrington also explained that the School Department was asked to level fund its budget. Last year they received $150,000 from the State to offset the budget. "If the Senate version of the School Reform bill goes through as it is written," Arrington said, "we can expect to get income of $300,000 plus."

Arrington also stressed the need to address raises. The school department has completed negotiations as has the police department, but other municipal government employees are still in negotiations. The town will have to consider raises later on down the line for those union and non-union employees.

It was noted that total fixed costs are up 4.1% and the general government budgets are down a half percent over last year.

"As we make our recommendations," Arrington told the meeting, "we are not going to make everybody happy."

John Chiras a member of the Town's Electro-magnetic Health Hazards Study (EMF) Committee gave a brief report on the committee's work over the past eight months. The committee meets on the 4th Monday of each month and welcomes public participation. Chiras noted that the committee has purchased a gauss meter for measuring EMF levels at the home of anyone who requests a

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One hundred fifty-five spend $7.5M in Sutton

By Alec G. Belisle

SUTTON - Sutton's Annual Town Meeting acted on 38 articles during the Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 4 meetings. Approximately 155 residents attended the Monday session and approximately 90 returned the second night.

On Monday, residents acted on the first 16 articles which included deciding on funds to support the operation and maintenance of the transfer station.

Town Administrator Dexter Blois prefaced the budget article by explaining, "For all intents and purposes, the FY '94 budget is the same as the FY '93 budget." Because the state has not released the figures on local aid, the final budget figures will not be available until August. Consequently, a "real" budget must wait until then, and the numbers proposed at this meeting are the best figures with which the town has to work.

Blois said the Recreation Commission's budget was cut, but there is enough money for the recreation programs to continue. He said the Board of Health and Council on Aging budgets were up slightly but may have to be trimmed when the final, state numbers come in. The Police budget was up in anticipation of reinstating John Annis' position, vacant since his promotion. The School Department budget increased because the system needs a School Librarian if it is to keep its certification which comes up for review this fall.

Article six which dealt with the annual budgets had one hold on "Personnel: Salary, Wages & Expense," another on "Net Sutton Schools," and another in "Human Services - Board of Health Salary & Wages" and "Council on Aging Salary & Wages." Relative to the "Personnel" hold, Gina Betti asked if this money was for raises. Mary K. Connor, Chairwoman of the Selectmen, said there were no raises factored into this year's budget, and this amount covers increases in health costs and other expenses.

The meeting denied a motion made by School Committee Chairwoman Sue Horne to raise the school budget from $4,668,063 to $5,139,000. The $470,937 increase would go towards keeping several high school positions, including a foreign language teacher and a mathematics teacher, and for additional staff needed to keep the number of pupils per class at around 25 rather than 30. In addition, the increase would fund a librarian and media specialist without which, Horne said, Sutton might lose its accreditation.

Connor said she is a school supporter but asked the school department to wait until the final numbers are in before asking for an increase.

Selectman Wally Johnson asked Horne how she would propose raising this additional money.

"I don't know how it's going to be funded," she responded, adding that the money proposed is what is needed for the school

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The fruits (and flowers) of labor

CHRONICLE photos by Alexander A. Belisle

MILLBURY - Jeri Stead's Extended Kindergarten classes planted bulbs last fall and are now enjoying the fruits of their labor. The children take pride in being able to provide such a colorful welcome to those who visit the Elmwood Street Elementary School.

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Thank You...

A big note of thanks goes out to the couple in the white car who stopped to help me on Saturday, May 1st around 3 p.m. on West Street when I fell off my mountain bike. I really appreciated it. Thanks again.
Anonymous

A job well done

To the Editor:

This past winter was difficult and troublesome for many towns in the central region of the Commonwealth. Besides facing the unusual winter weather, highway departments had to deal with constricted budgets due to cuts which were made to help communities balance their budgets.

Faced with these two major challenges, the Millbury Highway Department did an outstanding job in maintaining its high standards of clearing the streets as in the past.

That can't be said for some of the other surrounding communities which for whatever unknown reasons were tardy in clearing their streets in a timely manner.

A tip of the hat and congratulations to the Millbury Highway Department workers for a job well done.
Ray Tremblay
Millbury

Thank You...

The Millbury Lioness Club wishes to "thank" all who helped to make our April 17th Semiformal a huge success. Your continuous support is gratefully appreciated. The raffle winners were: Joseph Direnzo, Montreal trip; David Anyon, Glider Rocker/Lap Robe; Judy Clark, Mystery Gift.
Millbury Lioness Club

CORRECTION

A statement in last week's story on the MBTA meeting by Selectman Gerry Bleau regarding a Town Meeting vote on an article regarding the MBTA should have read, "Bleau said the Town Meeting vote would not be binding on any future Town Meeting."

Obituaries

Kathryn D. (Daley) Neary

WORCESTER - Kathryn D. (Daley) Neary, 89, of 1199 Main St., formerly of Bridgeport, Connecticut, died May 2nd in the Providence House of Millbury, 29 Main St., Millbury.

She leaves her husband of 49 years, Henry L. Neary; a daughter, Jane J. Gilligan of Millbury; four grandchildren, Kathryn M. Gilligan of Cromwell, Ct., David M. Gilligan of Brattleboro, Vt., Daniel P. and Lynora J. Gilligan, both of Millbury; nieces and nephews. She was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where she lived most of her life, coming here in 1990. She graduated from Central High School in Bridgeport, Ct., and also graduated from Bridgeport Normal School in 1922.

Mrs. Neary taught grammar school for the Bridgeport public schools for 34 years, retiring in 1970. She was a member of St. Brigid's Church in Millbury, the Bridgeport Retired Teachers Association and the Connecticut Retired Teachers Association, both in Connecticut.

The funeral was held May 5th from Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 Main St., Millbury, with a Mass in St. Brigid's Church, Millbury. Burial will be in St. Brigid's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Emannuel College Annual Fund, 400 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115.

Adam J. Bendonis

MILLBURY - Adam J. Bendonis, 73, of 1 Hollywood Avenue, died May 1st in his home, after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 48 years, Roberta M. (Goodine) Bendonis; a son, John R. Bendonis; two grandchildren, J. Ryan Bendonis and Jill R. Bendonis, all of West Dennis; nieces and nephews. He was born in Worcester, son of James and Anna (Strazdas) Bendonis and came here in 1955.

Mr. Bendonis worked at Wyman-Gordon Company and New England Diamond Company, both in Worcester, for many years, retiring in 1985.

He was a member of Our Lady of Vilna Church, a former member of the Polish Naturalization Independent Club, and a former member of Steel Workers Union Local 2285, all in Worcester.

The funeral was held May 4th from Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 Main St., with a Mass in Our Lady of Vilna Church, Worcester. Burial was in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Mass., Hospice Program, 120 Thomas St., Worcester, MA 01608.

Driver needed

SUTTON - The Sutton Nutrition Center urgently needs a Meals on Wheels driver for the Sutton Route on Wednesdays. Training will be provided. Could you give one hour to deliver homebound seniors their hot noontime meals? If so, contact Joanne Miedema, Meal Site Manager, at 865-9798 at the Sutton Senior Center, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday.

Participants sought for Block Party

MILLBURY - Representatives from non-profit organizations in the Town of Millbury that are interested in participating in the Lions Club's Second Annual Block Party on Saturday, June 12, are asked to contact Bill Kane at 865-2258 for further details.

Sutton Public Luncheons

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church of Sutton will change the day of its Public Luncheons from the 3rd Wednesday of every month to the 3rd Thursday of every month. Luncheons are held at noon and are sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of Sutton. Tickets, $4.00, are sold at the door.

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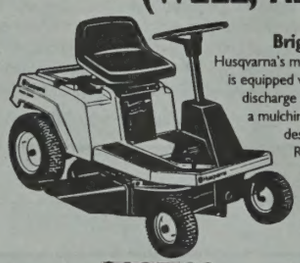

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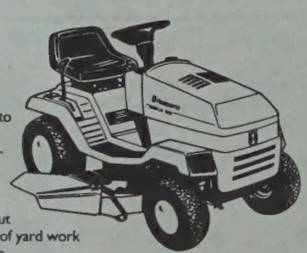

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department to function.

Blois explained that the town must have a balanced budget before it can send out tax bills. The School Department increase would throw the budget out of balance. He said that the final figures are not in, and the legislature's action on a school reform bill is still uncertain. Those factors could change matters, and he recommended waiting on the increase until the final budget is determined.

Horne explained that the school department has contractual obligations to notify non-tenured faculty who would not be rehired by a certain date. She explained that the school department must know if it will have the money to hire additional personnel.

School Committeeman Victor Kourey said that the department cannot wait until September to begin planning the school year.

Connor suggested that residents contact their legislators and impress on them the importance of state funded support.

The amendment to increase the school department budget was defeated on a 32 in favor - 122 opposed vote.

The meeting also voted down a $1,986 increase for the Board of Health and a $1,325 increase for the Council on Aging.

Article 8 was proposed to pay Morganroth engineering $4,126 for engineering costs incurred during the construction of the Skye Line Drive development approximately five years ago. Johnson explained that the problem arose when Morganroth submitted a bill which failed to specify the work completed. The town refused to pay the bill until the company satisfied the town with am itemized bill. After several years of debate, all parties have been satisfied that the work was indeed completed and properly documented. This article sought to pay that outstanding bill. A two-thirds vote was needed to pass the article.

On the first night, the vote fell one or two votes short of the two-thirds needed for passage. On the second night, after the voters had completed work on the warrant, William King ask the meeting to reconsider this article. After much discussion about the propriety of reconsideration, the meeting voted in favor of reconsideration. When the discussion concluded with additional observations, the meeting voted 65 for and 23 against paying Morganroth, still falling short of the two-thirds needed.

Article 14, which would have provided operation and maintenance funds for a transfer station, was defeated with 49 in favor and 106 opposed.

Proponents of the transfer station argued that the facility would be the best and cheapest way for Sutton residents to dispose of their household waste. They argued that the costs would be fixed and Sutton would always have a location for recycling and composting as well as a location for bringing white goods and metals for disposal.

The cost of the operation of the facility would be borne by the user through sticker fees or through the tax rate, the highest cost being $150 per year, per household, and as low as $110 per year, per sticker.

Opponents argued that there were hidden costs such as the cost of improving the road to the landfill, the cost of increasing the electrical service to the facility, and the cost of construction of a transfer station which would add to the tax rate or sticker fee.

Opponents also argued that the cost of sticker fees could increase if the 1,200 resident users who now avail themselves of the landfill choose not to pay the fee and hire an outside hauler to collect their refuse for the projected $100 more per year.

Article 15, defeated on a vote of 52 in favor to 78 opposed, would have accepted the Early Retirement Program enacted by the State Legislature.

Proponents argued that the few employees who would qualify for the program deserve it for the many years of faithful service to the town which, at least in one case, has saved Sutton a great deal of money.

Opponents argued that there was no question that the qualifying employees deserved the benefit but noted that many other town employees do also. They argued that the state enacted this legislation to encourage towns which wanted to downsize, to retire employees and allow those positions to go unfilled. They argued that Sutton would have to replace all of the employees who qualify and would not benefit from adopting the program.

On an 82 in favor to 29 opposed vote, voters gave the town the authority to issue quarterly tax bills. Blois argued that issuing quarterly bills will allow the Town to conduct its business without having to borrow money on anticipated revenues. This borrowed money must be paid with interest which erodes Sutton's already strapped funds.

On a vote of 49 in favor and 57 opposed, the meeting denied article 25 which would have granted Highway Department employees the funds to construct an addition to the highway garage. Proponents argued that the employees presently have no clean area in which to eat and have been cooperative in deferring their request for some facility. They said the employees are dedicated, working long hours plowing Sutton Roads and saving the town money by doing much of the costly roadwork themselves. It was stated that when the selectmen met with this department asking them for their priority item, the only thing they asked was for a facility, and it was promised to them.

Opponents argued that the employees do deserve this facility but because of Sutton's other pressing problems, it should be deferred this year. It was also said that employees presently eat at restaurants and that could continue for another year.

Article 26 which would have provided $5,000 for street signs was defeated. The argument that street signs are a safety factor, particularly for fire and ambulance quick response, failed to convince voters of the immediate need.

Ninety out of ninety voters approved Article 27 and 28 which gave the Fire Department $12,000 to convert their radios to a new frequency, and $3,000 for new turn-out gear for firefighters. Chief Johnson argued that his department must go on its own frequency soon, and, if he does not use the frequency he now has an option on, it will be lost to another department resulting in greater costs.

Residents argued that volunteer firefighters place their lives on the line and deserve to have the best protection.

In other action, voters:

- allowed the Council on Aging to appoint two alternate members to the council;
- authorized the town to raise $100,000 to repair, maintain, construct or reconstruct town roads and sidewalks;
- changed several zoning by-laws;
- indefinitely postponed allocating funds for painting the Town Hall;
- established a fine of $5,000 for violating federal, state, or local discharge rules;
- accepted Sue Horne's motion to pass over article 22 which sought $75,000 to install new carpeting in the Sutton Elementary School;
- postponed action on article 23 which would have granted funds for two new dump trucks and a new backhoe;
- granted, through an amendment to article 24, $18,000 for the purchase of computer hardware and software and $1,443 to purchase three bullet proof vests.

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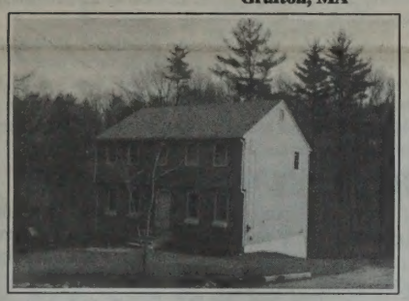

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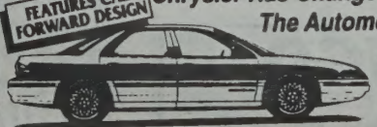

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Library yard sale

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St. Anne's Church Buffet

MANCHAUG - St. Anne's Church will hold a hot and cold buffet on Saturday, May 15, from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are $5.00 for adults and $2.50 for pre-teens. The buffet will feature Turkey, Ham, Swedish Meatballs, Kielbasa and Peppers, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Pasta and Sauce, Vegetable Salad, Buns, Beverages and Dessert. A raffle and social will be held in conjunction with the buffet.

Potpourri Fair

MILLBURY - The Women's Fellowship of the Millbury Federated Church will hold its annual Potpourri Fair on Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 20 Main Street. There will be plants and flowers, just in time for Memorial Day; jewelry; food and candy; handmade articles; flea market times. A snack bar will also be available. Stop for lunch while you shop. Committee chairwomen are Audrey Mogren and Florence Powers.

Women's Aglow

MILLBURY - The Blackstone Valley Women's Aglow will hold its monthly meeting on May 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the McGrath Educational Center, corner of Elm and Waters Streets. All women are invited.

The guest speaker will be Betty Shepherd from Australia. She is a world-wide bible teacher and the author of three books. She is also a dean at a Christian college. Shepherd and her husband established a children's home and school for orphans in India.

Jaclyn Marie Danko

GRAFTON - Jaclyn Marie Danko was born at Memorial Hospital to Dr. and Mrs. James M. Danko (Judith Ellen Hanley) of Grafton on April 27 at 5:36 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz., with a height of 19 and 1/2 inches. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Hanley of Fitchburg. Paternal grandparents are Michael Danko (deceased) and Jean B. Danko of Sutton.

Quilters meeting

MILLBURY - Interested in quilts and quilting? Attend the next quilters group meeting at the Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, on May 19 at 7 p.m. You may bring your latest quilt project or problem for a round table discussion.

Surplus food distribution

MILLBURY - Surplus food will be distributed at the Asa Waters Mansion, for Millbury residents only, on Tuesday, May 18, from 9-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

Recipients must show proof of income eligibility such as: WIC, Fuel Assistance, Medicaid, SSI, or Low Income Housing, Head Start, Food Stamps, AFDC, or Veteran's Aid. Low income range is as follows: (Household Size) 1 (Income Range) $9,930; 2 - $13,320; 3 - $16,710; 4 - $20,100; 5 - $23,490; 6 - $26,880; 7 - $30,720; 8 - $33,660.

Scout Sign Up

MILLBURY - Any girl who will be entering Kindergarten through 12th grade who is interested in signing up for Girl Scouts is asked to attend a meeting at the Millbury Federated Church Scout Hall on Monday, May 17, from 7-7:30 p.m. Girls who are already in a troop do not need to attend. Troops will start their meetings in September. If you cannot make the meeting but are interested, call Marie Singer at 756-4918.

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Church Bake Sale

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Reflections from the Clergy

This week's "Reflections" was written by Sister Sheila Finnigan SND, of St. Mark's Parish, Sutton.

Prayer and how one prays and worships has been a reflection of mine since Easter. Perhaps it is because Easter seems to be a time when so many people come to church to express their love of the beautiful feast of Christ's Resurrection. This is certainly a testimony of a faith which is alive among us.

But, something gets to me...why do those who have such a true faith worship only on very special days instead of each Sunday? "I believe in God...I pray...I don't have to go to church to pray...I don't get anything out of it...I'm bored...Anyway, so many who go every week are hypocrites." Sound familiar? We have all argued with family members, friends, young adults who choose one or the other of these reasons to justify the choice they have made in regard to formal worship.

I began to look again at how Jesus worshipped. Jesus did pray privately, quietly. He left the crowds to be united in love with the Father. He also prayed with others. He left Nazareth with Mary and Joseph to go to Jerusalem to pray with his community of faith. He attended synagogue and witnessed actively to God's saving love. It was in public that he gave us our guidelines as Christians with the beatitudes. He gave us the most important gift when he celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples.

So, what do his actions mean for us? Weekly attendance at Sunday worship or Sunday Mass is a fundamental aspect of Christian life. What should prompt us to attend is not the law of mere physical attendance. The purpose of coming is to be aware of our responsibility to join with our brothers and sisters with Jesus to worship the Father. Our attitude should be one of "What can I give to the worship, that is, to God and my Christian friend." By looking for "What I can get out of it," a person is approaching worship from the wrong perspective. To assist at Sunday worship even when it is difficult to do so or when we simply do not feel like going is to show a great act of love to God and our fellow Christians. We add nothing to the community by our absence; we have everything to give by going.

It is a valid criticism that, in fact, some people are hypocrites who go to Church. But, face it...aren't we all at some time! We very often fall short of our beliefs. We sin. But Jesus just loves to become involved with us...just as we are. Let's reflect anew and pray for one another as we search for truth and a deeper relationship with God and one another.

Community Yard Sale

SUTTON - The Sutton Lions Club will host its Second Annual Sutton Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sutton Square Mall, Route 146. The rain date will be Sunday, May 16.

Applications are now being accepted for selling space. If you don't want a table of your own, the Lions will welcome your donation of items which they will sell to raise funds for local charitable projects. To rent table space or donate items, call John Gagne at 865-3250. Single spaces are $12.50 each; double spaces are $20.00. Tables are not provided.

Women's Network

WORCESTER - The Worcester Women's Network will meet May 20 at the Holiday Inn in Worcester. The evening's topic will cover issues facing working women in the 90's. Dinner reservations are required. For information, call 751-8907.

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reading. The committee recently measured the EMF levels near the Shaw and Elmwood St. Schools which are bisected by power lines. Chiras said the readings show no cause for concern. Reading materials and reports put together by the committee are available at the town library.

Before going on to the budgets for town departments, Town Moderator Tom Fox recessed the regular meeting for a Special Town Meeting scheduled for 7:30. The Special was opened to vote on five warrant articles to pay for bills that came up which created shortfalls in some budgets:

- Voters approved a sum of $12,989 to supplement the Highway Department's "Salaries All Others" Account.

- Approval for supplementing the Legal Counsel Services Account, which is projected to be overextended by an amount of $17,000, was granted after questioning by voters on over-expenditures beyond the amount of $45,000 budgeted for 1993.

Jude Cristo, Chairman of the Selectmen, said the $17,000 "would hopefully get the town through the rest of this year." He also explained that the town and the School Committee have used more than one counsel. Cristo said the need for counsel is related to a host of issues involving litigation, including Paul Revere, labor union contracts, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals issues, and recent issues in the School Department. The hourly rate for town counsel is $105.

- A request for $1,700 dollars to be added to the Street Light Account that is projected to run short of monies was approved on a two thirds vote.

- Voters approved $6,907 to pay for the separation benefits for town employees who are taking advantage of early retirement under the Early Retirement Incentive Program. The money will be used to cover the cost of sick leave buy-back for two town employees: Earl Chase ($4,887) and May Brady ($2,020).

The Selectmen were questioned on the total cost to the town for accepting the Program. The number of individuals who have taken advantage of the plan, to date, is nine.

Administrative Assistant Earl Chase listed some of the costs but said not all the figures will be known until the May 21 retirement date since it is not known how may individuals will take advantage of the town's insurance.

- Jeff Dore, chairman of the Millbury MBTA Advisory Committee, asked that an article relating to a proposed MBTA station in Millbury be indefinitely postponed as recommended by FinCom.

He said he would then request a non-binding vote as an amendment. The MBTA Advisory Committee is not in favor of an MBTA Station location in Millbury unless the access road is built on Rte 20.

Fox explained that a straw vote would be non-binding as a town meeting cannot tell a future town meeting what to do.

The indefinite postponement passed. The straw vote showed a large majority supporting the MBTA Committee's request.

A total budget for all town government services was approved for a total of $12,821,456 to be raised and appropriated. The School budget amounted to $6,783,514.

Tom Dunford of Sycamore Circle led off a debate on the amount of money being expended in the Veterans Agent budget. He noted that the position was full time when he held it for six years and was continued when the next agent was hired. Last year the position was reduced to part time by the Board of Selectmen. Dunford argued unsuccessfully for $8000-$9000 to be restored to that account to bring the position back to full time. The present agent, Phil Buso, works two nights a week, for a total of six hours per week, and is paid $11,000 for the part time position. He holds a full time veterans agent position in Gardner.

Dunford suggested that monies for de-weeding Dorothy Pond and monies left over from capping the landfill be used to restore the veterans agent to a full time position. The secretary's position in that office has also been cut.

Dunford told the meeting that state law mandates that any town with a population of over 12,000 people employ a full time veterans agent.

"Mr. Dunford is correct in what he has said," responded Cristo. "It is a law. We made a decision based on the case load. The present agent is part time and is doing a good job. If we were to put it back to full time we would be doubling the salary to $22,000 plus $6000 dollars in health insurance. Common sense has to be used, and if the job is getting done, I don't believe any veteran is being slighted."

Buso addressed the voters and said that when he worked full time at the position in Millbury he was "bored." He also said his 26 years in military service as an administrator has been an asset. Buso said he has not slighted any veteran and will make himself available any night, including Saturdays and Sundays, if needed. "If you were to go back to a full time position and didn't hire someone with my background," Buso said, "you would have to hire back a secretary which would then push the cost up to $30,000 for salaries."

Buso also said he has not received any complaints from area veterans. "It is your town," he said, "and the job is getting done."

Dunford responded to Buso by saying that when he was the agent, he was never bored. He also remarked that the Selectmen last year said they would look at what they could do to make it a full time position again. He asked what would happen if a Millbury veteran was in need of services at the same time as a veteran from Gardner. "Where would the preference be?" he asked.

Selectman Gerry Bleau said he initially agreed to look into having a full time agent but, after talking to several members of veterans groups on three occasions, "they indicated they saw no problems with the veterans being serviced the way they have been the past year." Bleau then asked any veterans present to speak to the issue. None responded.

Grafton Street resident Barbara Remillard questioned the right of the Board of Selectmen to pick and choose the laws it will follow. "How do you decide what laws to follow or not?" she asked. "I don't think you have that authority."

Bill Moore, of Grafton Street, rose to plead for providing full time coverage of the office, noting that military personnel have recently been sent around the world to fight and face another possibility in Bosnia. He said they will require services when they return.

The budget item that Dunford sought to defeat was passed. The part time veterans agent position remains in the budget.

In other matter, voters turned down a request from Planning Board Chairwoman Terry Burke Dotson to approve a raise of $1,215 for Town Planner Steve Bishop.

Arrington explained that in the past only elected officials were considered for raises at town meetings, not employees. He suggested that any raises for employees wait until all union and non-union negotiations are completed.

Anna Lewandowski, a Planning Board member, recalled that in the past a previous town planner received a raise in salary at town

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DEADLINE

The DEADLINE for all submissions to the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle is Saturday of the week prior to publication. The office is closed to the public on Saturdays but announcements may be left in the mailbox at the side entrance or the front door.

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WEDNESDAY: Juice, Submarine Sandwich (Lettuce & Tomato), FF, Fruit
THURSDAY: Hot Turkey Sandwich, FF, Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Applecrisp/Topping
FRIDAY: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, FF, Tossed Salad
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
MONDAY: Link Sausage, French Toast Stix, Hash Brown Potato, Applesauce
TUESDAY: Hamburger/Roll or Pizza, Dino Tots, Mixed Vegetables, Pudding
WEDNESDAY: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, FF, Fruit
THURSDAY: Juice, Shepherd's Pie (meat, corn, mashed potato), Pan Roll/Butter, Cake
FRIDAY: Juice, Pizza, Tossed Salad, Animal Crackers

Sutton Lions seek nominations for 'Citizen of the Year'

SUTTON - Since 1988, the Sutton Lions Club has annually recognized a resident of Sutton who has made an extraordinary contribution to the quality of life in the Town. "Dedication, determination and a compassion for people are common characteristics of The Citizen of the Year award," said Jerry Anderson, Club President. "We feel that this is a most appropriate way to recognize members of our community who may not otherwise receive the appreciation they deserve for a job well done in the spirit of benefitting others."

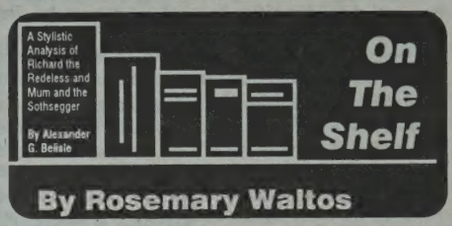
Past recipients have included the Leo Moroney Family (1988), Evelyn Shaw (1989), Mary Arakelian (1990), Martyn Bowden (1991) and Leona Dona (1992).

Nominations from the Sutton Community are welcome and should be sent to Phil Whitney, Club Secretary, at 7 Dudley Lane, Sutton, MA 01590. All nominations must clearly state why a particular individual is being recommended for this award. A presentation will be made at the Club's annual Awards/Officers Installation Dinner on Saturday, June 19 at a Worcester restaurant. The deadline for nominations is May 22nd.

Art Festival Winners

WHITINSVILLE - Winners of the 35th annual Blackstone Valley Art Association's Art Festival included local artists Millie Griffith and Janice Moore of Sutton and Michael Graves, Joanne Jozefowski and Susan Whiterell, all of Millbury. Griffith placed 1st in Crafts. Moore placed second in the Oil/Acrylic category and 3rd in Pastel/Graphics. Graves placed 1st in Oil/Acrylic and received Honorable Mention in the same category. Jozefowski placed 2nd in Pastel/Graphics. Whiterell placed 1st in Watercolor and received Honorable Mention in the same category.

The next meeting of the Blackstone Valley Art Association will be held Monday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Whitin Community Center, 60 Main Street. The guest demonstrator will be Judi Vaillancourt of Vaillancourt Folk Art.



By Rosemary Waltos

For years, you've been coming to the Millbury Public Library for popular fiction and nonfiction books. Unless you've gone beyond the first few stacks in the library, you probably are not fully aware of all that the library has to offer in its reference section. You'll find a variety of resources in its reference collection that are available to consumers, business people, parents and students.

BUSINESS DIRECTORIES - *Standard and Poors* and *Dunn and Bradstreet* directories, along with *Thomas' Register*, are just three of the indexes available to business people. Together they provide listings and product information on thousands of companies nationwide. The library also carries regional directories such as the Chamber of Commerce directory covering Worcester and its suburbs, including Blackstone Valley, *Directory of New England Manufacturers* and *Massachusetts Service Directory*.

MASSACHUSETTS LAW BOOKS - Massachusetts General Laws, along with up-to-date inserts, provide access to a myriad of laws governing the Commonwealth. Books covering various types of law and law related issues are available in the reference and circulating sections of the library.

COLLEGE DIRECTORIES - Looking for college information is easy using the library's *College Blue Book* and *Peterson's College Guides*. Besides finding basic information about colleges, you'll also find addresses, phone numbers and scholarship and loan information. The library has a collection of over 100 college catalogs from state and private colleges in New England. In addition, you can pick up an application for Federal Student aid programs.

Rt. 146/MASSACHUSETTS TURNPIKE INTERCHANGE - For people interested in the proposed Rt. 146/Mass Pike Interchange project, the library has a current map and documentation from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works and HNTB. Together they provide volumes of details concerning this project.

CONSUMER REPORTS - Looking for product information for an upcoming purchase? Try our collection of back issues of *Consumer Reports Magazine*. For your convenience, the library has bound volumes covering 1985 to 1991.

EMF INFO - Become informed on the electro-magnetic field controversy. The library has a bulky collection of articles and testimony provided by the Town's EMF committee on the subject.

TAX FORMS - Late filers will be glad to know that they can still pick up tax forms for 1992 at the library; 1991 forms are also available. These forms must be copied from our reproducible collection of tax forms provided by the IRS.

MAGAZINE INDEXING - If you want up-to-date information on a current subject, use our latest edition of Magazine Article Summaries on CD-ROM. It's easy-to-use and thorough.

BACK ISSUES - Look for back issues of the *Millbury-Sutton Chronicle* and *Millbury Journal*. Back issues are available from 1986 to the present.

HOMEWORK CENTER - Students doing library research projects will find help by using the library's Homework Center that includes multiple copies of reading list titles and path finders covering commonly assigned homework topics.

MASSACHUSETTS PHONE BOOKS - Can't find a phone number or address, and information services aren't helpful? You might find what you're looking for by using any one of the library's 60 Massachusetts phone directories. The collection covers the entire state. Other directories such as Polk's, Cole's Directory and the Millbury Street Listing are also available.

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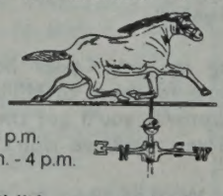

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Honored at Past Commanders Banquet

SUTTON - The Dudley Gendron Post 414, 156 Boston Road, recently held its Annual Past Commanders Banquet to honor all Commanders of the Post who did their part to help the post achieve its strength and stature. The event was attended by many state and county officers of the American Legion, as well as many other dignitaries from the county, including Sheriff John "Mike" Flynn and William Friesch, Superintendent of the County House of Correction, Chief Deputy Sheriff of Worcester.

Two other individuals were also honored that evening: Edward F. Grant who is retiring as Principal of Sutton Memorial Jr.-Sr. High School after 25 years of service, and Leona Dona who made her property, the Freegrace-Marble Farm, available to the Society for Preservation of New England Antiquities so that future generations will be able to see how their ancestors lived.

The Post Sr. Vice Commander presents the plaque to Ed Grant.

Photos Courtesy of Dudley Gendron Post

Post Commander James D. Goode, Leona Dona, and Selectman Wallace Johnson, who, as a long time member of the Post, made the presentation to Mrs. Dona.

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From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

Why be miserable when, with a little more effort, you can be a real stinker? A lot of people today are miserable because we are a very self-seeking society. We demand our rights, our "constitutional right," whatever that may mean. I don't think our forefathers would even recognize the document the way it has been interpreted for our own selfish purposes.

I have to confess that I missed this year's Millbury Town meeting, but if it was as usual, there were groups wanting things their own way. None of us wants higher taxes, especially we "Senior Citizens" on fixed incomes. But there is one area in which we should expend more of our resources, and that is in the education of our children. More money isn't the complete answer, but it sure would help.

Jesus teaches us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and you know He was right again. Try it, you might like it! Thank God for our teachers who give not only of their knowledge and learning, but of themselves as well. They are part of a group that we call "Public Servants," and that's an excellent term for them. Another teaching of Jesus is that the one who would be greatest must be the servant of all.

The greatest joy that you can achieve is to serve other people. Being unselfish in attitude strikes at the very core of our being. It means we are willing to forego our own comfort, our own preferences, our own schedule, our own desires for another's benefit. Amen.

'From Sea To Shining Sea'

MILLBURY - Three strokes to the spike, 10 spikes to the rail, 40 rails to the mile," sing out the railroad workers in the newest musical Theatreworks/USA, "From Sea To Shining Sea," which will be performed at Millbury High School on Thursday, May 20, at 9:30 a.m. under the auspices of the Millbury Arts Council.

"From Sea To Shining Sea" is the action-filled story of the men who immigrated to America during the mid-1800's to build the transcontinental railroad for the Central Pacific and Union Pacific companies.

The story vividly brings to life a slice of American history from the perspectives of Woo Lee, a Chinese immigrant, Sean O'Grady, an Irish immigrant, and Nate, an escaped slave.

Grade 6 students from the Shaw Elementary School will be joining grades 7, 8 and 9 at the High School to view this performance. Anyone interested in attending can contact Principal Daniel Carmody at 865-3541 for information.

Live Entertainment

SUTTON - The Dudley Gendron American Legion Post, 156 Boston Road, features live music in its lounge on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8 p.m. to midnight. Fridays will feature the sounds of "Music Gallery" with karaoke; Saturdays will feature the keyboard music and voice of Russ Gagnon.

Woolie World Bank

MILLBURY - The Super Park Committee is now $5229.46 away from its goal of $50,000. In order to reach that goal, the Committee has embarked on a "Woolie World Bank" project.

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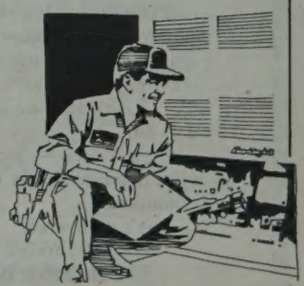

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meeting and said it is the Planning Board that sets the salary and it is done on merit. "Now you are saying that is to be taken away and the Finance Committee is to do it. It's not their responsibility," she said. "The Planner's position is not union; the salary isn't determined by what unions do or don't do."

Hilltop Drive resident Joseph Bianculli questioned the zero amount in the proposed garbage collection budget and asked that monies be placed in that budget to allow for continued pick-up service. By unanimous vote, $26,000 was placed in the budget to continue garbage collection.

Bianculli also raised several questions regarding septic fees and the request by the Sewer Commissioners to authorize the imposition of a municipal charges lien for the failure to pay fees charged by the Board of Sewer Commissioners for septage disposal at the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District facility. He noted that when the bond for the municipal sewer system was approved, it was stated that those individuals with septic systems in town would be able to dump at no charge.

Sewer Commissioner George Buron said a recent agreement with the Upper Blackstone has allowed for 2,000 gallons of free septic dumping by Millbury homeowners per year. If that amount is exceeded, under the article the homeowner would have to pay for the dumping or a lien could be filed. He said there are two outstanding cases where liens are being used to try to recuperate fees which, he said, are considerable. Voters approved the article.

Leslie Lane resident Syl Bourdeau questioned whether an audit will be done on the Athletic Budget at the High School by the private auditor hired by the town.

School Committee Chairman Chet Hanratty said that $3000 has been approved to go forward with the audit of that account.

Voters also approved:

- funds for purchase or lease of two police cruisers.
- $75,000 for a new street sweeper.
- $15,000 to repair the high school intercom system.
- $40,000 to repair a portion of the high school roof.

Two articles requesting zoning changes from suburban to industrial were indefinitely postponed.

An article to change lot coverage under the Millbury Zoning By-Law was indefinitely postponed. The article was challenged by Joe Bianculli who argued that the change would place undue restrictions on homeowners.

Town Planner Steve Bishop said the request was being made for definition purposes and that the concerns expressed by Bianculli could be addressed later.

Terry Burke Dotson said the requested change would allow for the protection of water resources as well as deal with the many complaints received of run-off water from other properties.

An Article to sewer Grafton Street, from Carousel Drive to the Millbury Grafton line, at a cost of $1.5 million was indefinitely postponed as recommended by FinCom.

Paul Revere resident Jack Lilley made a point of saying the article was not placed on the warrant by the residents of Paul Revere but rather by the Sewer Commissioners. He asked the commissioners for an explanation.

Commissioner Buron said the Sewer Commissioners feel the entire street is in need of sewers and said the town will benefit from the extension in the long run. He also said that there are other properties besides Paul Revere along the street that are experiencing serious septic problems. He said he hoped to see the article on the warrant every year until the issue is resolved.

Article 53 generated some discussion as Syl Bourdeau asked FinCom why they recommended indefinite postponement. The article calls for the Board of Selectmen to complete the investigation of all town departments involved with the construction of Paul Revere Village, as voted unanimously under Article 5 at the 1992 Annual Town Meeting to be completed by the 1994 Annual Town Meeting.

Arrington said the indefinite postponement was recommended until the Attorney General's Office completes its investigation of the Paul Revere issue. "We feel it should be completed before they (Selectmen) take any action," he said.

Bourdeau said the town meeting asked for the investigation and the town should not be concerned with what the Attorney General or a District Attorney may be doing.

Paul Revere resident Jack Lilley agreed, saying, "I don't think the town is adequately assessing its own liabilities. The legal counsel expenditures as suggested previously are not mainly because of Paul Revere or Attorney Giorgio's services, as the insurance company's own counsel is being billed for most of the legal advice and work."

Lilley also said that the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has taken the appeal filed against the Town to the level of the Supreme Court. "It is in the best interests of the Town to find out what its liabilities are," he said.

Cristo said the Board has followed the advice of town counsel not to act at this time.

Town Counsel John Giorgio addressed the meeting and said he advised the Selectmen not to act at this time as the investigation could give an advantage to those who are or who may be contemplating suing the town.

Barbara Remillard asked, "Can Town Counsel's advice overrule the Town Meeting vote?"

Giorgio replied that it was his opinion that the vote of the Town Meeting was not legally binding on the Selectmen. "The Town Meeting can ask the Selectmen," he said, "it can approve funds for the investigation, but only the Board of Selectmen can decide if the investigation can be conducted."

Remillard replied, "Then the Town Meeting vote of last year means nothing? They voted last year to do this. I am not from Paul Revere, but the vote taken last year was not taken to mean five years from now. If the vote means nothing, then the whole Town Meeting is pointless," she said.

Her statement received spontaneous applause from the audience.

Elmwood Street resident Patricia Cooney said she was at the Town Meeting last year that voted on the article. "I don't think we voted for nothing," she said. "What town counsel is saying is, 'It is

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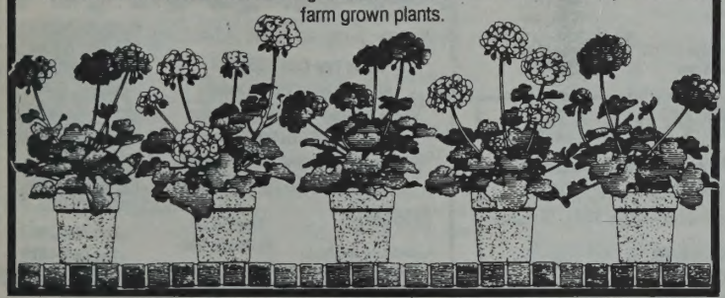

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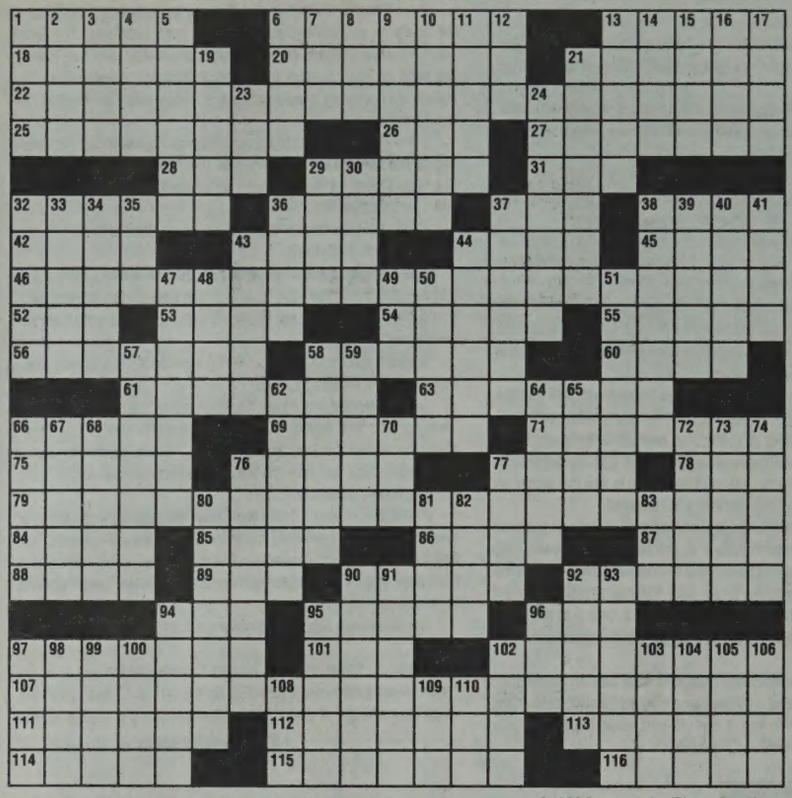

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ACROSS

1 Trio item, with blood and tears
6 "The — Honeymoon"! old nonsense song
13 Actors' plums
18 Steal ransom security
20 Small amount
21 Pina —: rum drink
22 Start of a 4/1 verse
25 Splash paint
26 Rehan or Huxtable
27 Herb for spaghetti
28 "— the ramparts..."
29 Arty Paris "Quarter"
31 L-P connection
32 Key of Beethoven's Seventh
36 Divided Asian land
37 Tiny
38 Actor Sharif
42 Alleged arson accompanist
43 Nurse's assistant
44 Lead pellets
45 Weighty book
46 More of verse
52 — glance
53 62, to Caesar
54 In high dudgeon
55 "Quick — the Flit": 30's slogan
56 Brunch dish from Wales
58 Miami's Bowl
60 Otherwise
61 Man of the soil
63 Dakar's land
66 Ed Norton's milieu
69 South European dormice
71 "And —"; Pepys sign-off
75 On the qui vive
76 Take the helm
77 — spumante: Italian wine
78 Yalie
79 More of verse
84 Mend socks
85 Wings, to 42 Across
86 Stravinsky's "Spring" thing
87 Fill the suitcase
88 Husband of Faulkner's Addie Bundren's
89 Bo's number
90 Small and glittery
92 Hut at the end of town
94 Urge to attack
95 "Out of Africa" locale
96 Harper Valley gp.
97 Rural baseball field
101 Have a bite
102 Politesse
107 End of verse
111 Trembly trees
112 San — fault, California
113 Ceremonious
114 Brag
115 Cherries jubilee, for one
116 "— Not Alone"! Muni movie

DOWN

1 Rides the boards
2 Will-o'-the-—
3 Pulitzer biographer: 1963
4 Christie or Karenina
5 Drum roll
6 Manchurian boundary river
7 Charles Dickens' pen name
8 Carpenter's tool
9 Grow larger
10 Boredom
11 "Men die — idea does not.": Lerner
12 First of a Latin trio
13 Ill-fated Montague
14 Designer Cassini
15 The priest, not the beast
16 First transplant site?
17 "Mens sana in corpore —"
19 Dad, in London
21 Trumpets' cousins
23 Apiece
24 "— to Watch Over Me"
29 Miner's bonanza
30 "...like — red rose": Burns
32 Egypt's Sadat
33 Conductor Zubin
34 Bellowing loudly
35 "— Boys": sequel to "Little Women"
36 Faddish fruit
37 Turn pale
38 "The Moor of Venice"
39 Months, to Pocahontas
40 Love, Dean Martin style
41 Depend
43 Mine entrances
44 Puts on a show
47 Belgian king: 1909-34
48 Cornlily
49 Actress Farrow
50 Painter Max
51 "Your — Heart": Hank Williams hit
57 Tiered centerpiece
58 Cyclops feature
59 Eccles. title
62 "M*A*S*H" director Robert
64 Esther diminutive
65 — seed: deteriorate
66 "You — mouthful!"
67 Memorable violinish Mischa
68 Has on
70 Galena or bauxite
72 "The Quare Fellow" dramatist
73 Put into office
74 "Hinky — Parlay Voo"
76 Makes a choice of
77 Dist. —
80 Part of U.N.
81 Hospital camera art?
82 Verdi's Egyptian opera
83 Depression agcy.
90 Vandyke and goatee
91 Matriculates
92 Odds and ends
93 Platinum blonde Jean
94 Bias
95 Scenic New Hampshire city
96 Nanki- — of "The Mikado"
97 Brief try
98 Charlie Chan's phrase
99 Water scorpion genus
100 Makes red blue
102 Price
103 Lose energy
104 Humorist Bombeck
105 Box a bit
106 The Clintons' alma mater
108 Bankroll
109 Sandra or Ruby
110 White-handed gibbon

SOLUTION

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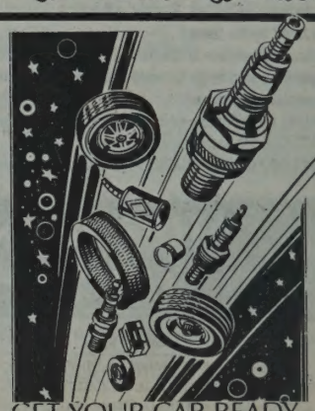

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To the Treasurer of the Wilkinsonville Water District

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Wilkinsonville Water District who are qualified to vote in the District affairs to meet on May 15, 1993 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at St. John's Parish, Wilkinsonville, Massachusetts, then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1-94 To elect the following officers:
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ARTICLE 2-94: To hear the reports of the District officers and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 3-94: To see if the District will instruct the Commissioners to defend the District in suits of law, or to bring suits of law, and to authorize them to employ a District Council or act or do anything in relation thereon.

ARTICLE 4-94: To see if the District will set the salaries of the District officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993 or to take action thereon.

ARTICLE 5-94 To see if the District will authorize and empower the District Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993, and to issue a note or notes thereon, payable within one (1) year and to renew any notes or note as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year in accordance with General laws, Section 17, Chapter 44.

ARTICLE 6-94 To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $99,490.00 for maintenance, facilities, management, finance and other expenses, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 7-94: To see if the District will vote to exempt any free cash from the provisions of Section 12A of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979 and that such free cash not be utilized for the purpose of reducing the property tax levy for fiscal year 1994 or take any action thereon.

Dale Bloem, Treasurer
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CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 15

SUTTON - The Sutton Lions Club will host its Second Annual Sutton Community Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sutton Square Mall, Route 146. The rain date will be Sunday, May 16.

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church of Sutton, Boston Road, will host a Giant Flea Market from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

MILLBURY - Millbury-Sutton Youth Football will hold a spring sign-up for fall football from 9 a.m. to noon at the Millbury Town Hall. The registration fee is $45.00.

MANCHAUG - St. Anne's Church will hold a hot and cold buffet from 4-7 p.m. $5.00 for adults and $2.50 for pre-teens. 6

MILLBURY - Registration for the Fall season of Millbury Youth Soccer will be held at the Town Hall from 9 a.m. to noon

MONDAY, MAY 17

MILLBURY - Any girl who will be entering Kindergarten through 12th grade who is interested in signing up for Girl Scouts is asked to attend a meeting at the Millbury Federated Church Scout Hall from 7-7:30 p.m.

MILLBURY - An important meeting of Devoe Taylor Post #9 American Legion will be held Monday evening, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion. Stuart Mulhane, commander, will preside.

Bereaved families to meet

WORCESTER - The Compassionate Friends (Worcester Chapter) invites bereaved families of children who have died to its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Stoddard Room at the First Baptist church, 111 Park Street. TCF is a world-wide, self-help, non-profit organization that offers understanding, sympathy, support and friendship to bereaved families of all races and faiths.

Brothers and sisters of deceased children are invited to attend TCF's Sibling Group on the same evening. For further information contact Linda Casey at 839-6390.

Youth Football Registration

MILLBURY - Millbury-Sutton Youth Football will hold a spring sign-up for fall football on Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Millbury Town Hall. The registration fee is $45.00. Two teams will be forming: Jr. Pee Wee for ages 7-9 (to 75 lbs.) and Jr. Midget, ages 10-12 years (to 110 lbs.) Join the Raider excitement!

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my opinion, 'It is my advice,' 'It is my recommendation.' That is all it is," she argued. "It is not a law. We last year voted unanimously to set up a committee to investigate. All the records to be looked at are open to one and all. That is what this committee will be doing. This calls to mind what happened several years ago when Town Meeting was considering expanding the number of Selectmen from three to five members. Town counsel said we couldn't do that, it was illegal. Well, we voted for five and there they are." Again the audience broke out in applause.

Millbury Ave. resident Steve Crane said the reluctance to appoint a committee to investigate "sounds like a case of C.Y.A., an old navy expression. Who are they hiding from?" he asked. "The town counsel is not elected; it's his opinion. I move we defeat indefinite postponement and vote to get on with this."

Indefinite postponement was defeated.

Voters then approved a motion by Bourdeau to accept the article as written.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

BOSTON - This week's "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records the votes of Representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) on roll calls from the week of May 3-7. There were no important roll calls in the Senate.

ABORTION (H 2329) - House 96-53, overturned the Judiciary Committee's unfavorable report and voted to substitute a bill allowing women to have an abortion during the first 24 weeks of pregnancy without state interference. The measure also allows an abortion after the 24th week if the life or health of the mother is in danger. Supporters said this pro-choice bill is a very important reaffirmation and codification of Roe v. Wade into state law. They argued the bill will insure abortion rights and give women protection to counter recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings that have permitted states to restrict and regulate abortion. Some opponents reaffirmed their pro-life position and argued unrestricted abortion should not be sanctioned by the legislature. Others said approval of the bill will open up a Pandora's Box and urged the legislature to restrict access to abortion. More debate and another vote on the bill is coming up soon. Moore did not vote. Kollios voted for the bill allowing abortions.

$100,000 BILLS (H 1500) House 111-38, rejected a House rules amendment requiring that any legislation estimated to cost more than $100,000 be considered only at formal sessions of the House. Amendment supporters said taxpayer dollars in excess of $100,000 should not be spent at "informal" sessions which are generally held with only handful of legislators present to consider what are supposed to be "routine" matters. Amendment opponents said a legislator at an informal session can currently stop a bill's progress and request that the measure be held until the next formal session. Moore voted to allow $100,000 plus bills to be considered at informal sessions. Kollios did not vote.

ADVANCE NOTICE (H 1500) House 115-35, rejected a House rules amendment requiring the Speaker to determine each week's schedule of House sessions and make it available to legislators one week in advance. Amendment supporters said the public and legislators have a right to an advance schedule so they can plan accordingly and participate in the process. Amendment opponents said the proposed rule is too strict and removes flexibility from the scheduling process. Moore and Kollios voted against requiring one week advance notice.

POSTAGE (H 1500) House 113-35, rejected an amendment prohibiting the Democratic and Republican house leadership and committee chairs from receiving more money for postage than any regular member. Currently, each legislator receives an expense allowance of $200 per month which may be used for postage, other office purposes or kept as regular taxable income by the representatives. The leadership and committee chairs are allowed to send additional mail at state expense. Amendment supporters said these additional mailing privileges are unfair and are funded by taxpayers. Amendment opponents said these officials' positions result in their having to respond to a high volume of letters from all parts of the state. Moore and Kollios voted against limiting the postage expenses.

AUDIT LEGISLATURE (S 1527) House 112-36, rejected a House-Senate joint rules amendment requiring that the State Audit conduct a biannual audit of the accounts of the legislature. Current rules require a biannual outside independent audit. Amendment supporters said the last outside audit was only four pages long and does not present a useful accounting of how the $24 million for legislative expenses is used. They argued the State Auditor would do a far better job. Amendment opponents argued that an outside audit is preferable in order to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest since the legislature funds the State Auditor's office and holds great power over it. Moore and Kollios voted against requiring the State Auditor to audit the legislature.

NINE MONTH SESSION (S 1527) - House 114-36, rejected a joint House-Senate rules amendment requiring that the legislature conclude each annual session by the third Friday in September. Amendment supporters said nine months is sufficient for the legislature to finish its work. They argued that the Massachusetts Legislature is the only one in the nation which remains in session 12 months a year. Amendment opponents said an arbitrary ending date to the session removes all flexibility. They said that many cities and towns have special town meetings in the fall and often take action which requires legislative approval. Moore and Kollios voted against ending all sessions by the third week in September.

Sutton teacher receives grant

WORCESTER - The Alliance for Education has awarded a mini-grant to Sutton Elementary School teacher Irene Hughes for a program entitled, "His (or Her) Story, A Novel Approach to the Past."

Devoe Taylor Post meeting

MILLBURY - An important meeting of Devoe Taylor Post #9 American Legion will be held Monday evening, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion. Stuart Mulhane, commander, will preside. Members are requested to attend.

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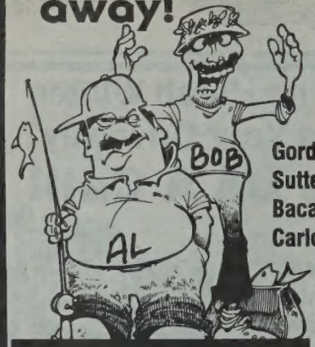

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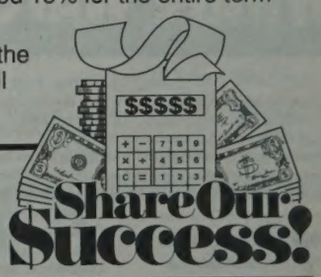

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